



**The Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by the Supreme Commander and Archangel Michael in Colossae, that is, Chonae Which the Holy Church Celebrates on September 6.**

The feast today in honor of the Archangel Michael commemorates the great miracle he wrought when he delivered from destruction a church and a holy spring named for him. The pagans, moved by malice, sought to destroy the aforesaid church and holy spring by turning the course of two rivers against them. But the Archangel appeared and, by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course. Henceforth, the name of that place was changed from Colossae to Chonae, which means “funnels” in Greek.

*Dismissal Hymn. Fourth Tone  
Thou Who wast raised up*

SUPREME Commander of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee that by thy supplications thou encircle us in the shelter of the wings of thine immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to thee with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great Marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

*Kontakion. Second Tone*

O MICHAEL, who standest altogether radiant before the Trinity together with all the heavenly Hosts, and with them dost cry aloud the song inspired of God: As thou dost pass throughout the earth by God's command and art made wondrous with exceedingly great marvels, cease not to intercede for us all.

Text: [The Great Horologion](#) © 1997 The Holy Transfiguration Monastery Brookline, Massachusetts 02445  
Icon of St Michael the Archangel courtesy The Holy Transfiguration Monastery Brookline, Massachusetts 02445



Saint Michael the Archangel